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Unexpected Roadblocks Delay Opening of Dairy, Visitor Center

For months, safety fences have stood around Turner Building, while construction crews pounded, sawed, sanded and drilled their way to a new and improved Dairy and Visitor Center. Naturally, campus folks are curious to see the finished product, but the greatest concern is: when will the Dairy be open for ice cream?

Originally, the renovations were expected to be completed March 1, but unexpected roadblocks along the way have delayed the opening until at least June 1. "In spite of the good weather," says Pat Peretto, director of Conference and Visitor Services, "we've had to extend the project."

Many of the delays can be attributed to the building's age. While not historic, the Dairy dates back to the early 1920s and has gone through numerous changes over the years.

As the construction crew took the building apart, they discovered the wall dividing the Dairy Sales Room's serving area from the seating area was actually the outside wall of the original building. Unbeknownst to everyone involved

in the project, the seating area was at one time an open porch that was eventually closed in.

At the outset of the renovation project, "it didn't look like a closed-in porch," says Peretto, "it looked like a dairy facility." But discovered behind the walls were the original porch's wainscoting and hand hewn beams.

Structurally, that porch area could not support the planned construction. Steel beams were brought in to prevent that portion of the building from collapsing during the renovations," says Peretto.

Among the mysteries discovered during the project, says Peretto was a completely enclosed window, "dead center in the building." Peretto speculates the dairy may have had drive-in bays at one time. "Who knows," he says. "But these are the kinds of things that make renovation so difficult."

A visit by the fire marshal also added time to the project when it was discov-

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This photo captures the renovations taking place on the north side of the Turner Building, where the Visitor Center is expanding with an auditorium, vestibule and access ramp.

1997 Inventions of the Year Announced

A genetic method for identifying individuals who get the most benefit from exercise, a device making it possible to get more information from fiber optics sensors in a shorter time, and a system for increasing the speed at which large knowledge-based computer systems can answer complex queries are the University of Maryland's inventions of the year for 1997.

The inventors for these three new technologies received awards last week at the 11th annual Invention of the Year reception sponsored by the university's Office of Technology Liaison. Inventors received plaques and a \$500 award. Winning inventions—one from each of three areas: physical, life and information science—were chosen by an independent panel. Inventions were selected based on creativity, novelty and potential overall benefit to society.

Life Science

In this category the winner is a genetic screening method developed by university professor James Hagberg of the College of Health and Human Performance and Robert Ferrell of the University of Pittsburgh. The method uses genetic markers to identify individuals for whom regular exercise can greatly reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease or osteoporosis and, conversely, those who may require other interventions, such as medication, to optimally reduce their risk of these diseases. The exercise benefit is measured by changes in cholesterol level, blood pressure, maximal exercise capacity and bone mineral density. Hagberg and Ferrell con-

tinue to test additional genetic markers and recently received a \$2.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (see story, page 2) to further their investigations in this area. The university plans to make the researchers' technologies available for exclusive licensing as test kits or for use in medical diagnostic laboratories.

Physical Science

A two-dimensional optical fiber spectrometer designed by university researchers Shiping Chen and Yiqun Hu is the winner in the area of physical science. Optical fiber sensors are rapidly replacing copper sensors in a myriad of applications.

However, until now, it has not been possible to rapidly sample a very large number of optical fiber sensors. This has hampered many applications in aerospace and elsewhere. The spectrometer-based system makes it possible to rapidly get a large number of signals from a large number of sensors. Key features of this system include light weight, compact size and low manufacturing cost.

A wide range of applications are possible including in telecommunications and aerospace, and in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and other medical devices. A small business innovation research proposal has been submitted by the university researcher and a Florida company to integrate this technology into the company's products.

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Ph.D. Theatre Program Decision Takes Intermission

The theatre department's fate will have to wait.

Last week, the College Park Senate was unable to vote on the Ph.D. program's continuance because the minimum amount of Senate members was not present at the final meeting of the year.

After two hours of discussion, 47 senate members were still present. The Senate needed at least 50 members to vote.

Marty Vitale, administrative assistant for the Senate, says she does not know why there were not enough voters after the first issues met quorum. Professors may have had teaching commitments to attend to, she says.

Marvin Breslow, who chairs the Senate, says he does not know what will happen to the vote. He says the executive committee of the Senate will meet and consider its possibilities on May 4.

Before the meeting adjourned, supporters argued each side of the issue, both for and against the termination of the Ph.D. program.

James Harris, dean of arts and humanities, supported his recommendation for the program's closure. He talked about the disconnection between the costs of the future Maryland Performing Arts Center and those funds provided for faculty.

"Deans act in the best interest of their college," Harris said, noting his budgetary responsibility. "...I have to consider equity."

Harris said the theatre department would keep its CORE seats for undergraduates. Others argued there would be no doctorate students serving as faculty for those courses.

Katherine Schuler, associate professor of the theatre department, said the presence of the theatre department in CORE is important. She also explained how the proposal for elimination of the program contained errors.

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"We know our discipline very well," Schuler said. "You [who oppose the program] don't know our discipline."

Schuler pointed to the faulty communication between administration and faculty. "This was not done from the bottom up, it was done from the top down," she said.

She also cited doctorate programs at large universities such as Stanford, Northwestern and Indiana as a means of showing there is interest in graduate programs in theatre.

Charles Wellford said the programs, courses and curricula committee (PCC) looked at the original research carefully and sought to find errors in the report and consult all involved.

"It would not be fair to say the Senate did not allow faculty and students to be heard," said Wellford, who mediated the discussion. "We looked at it in comparison to other theatre programs [in the country]."

Wellford explained the report done by the Graduate Program Review Committee last year said the doctorate program confronted specific challenges. Of these challenges, he mentioned the size of the program, the changes in resources and the assessment of student interest.

Currently, the doctorate program includes one full-time professor, one associate professor

and one chairperson. Patti Gillespie, the full-time professor, will retire soon.

Wellford said the university would not eliminate any faculty and staff if it cut the program. Currently admitted students will continue with their studies.

An external review conducted at the college four years ago offered a proposal for an alternative Ph.D. program. Wellford said the department did little to look into that option. The proposal considered creating an interdisciplinary affiliate faculty that would maintain and expand the program.

Wellford also noted that if the doctorate program closes, it will have no effect on the undergraduate and graduate theatre programs, specifically in quality and funding.

The Senate will hold a transitional meeting on May 11, when it recognizes its outgoing chairs for this year and incoming chairs for next year. Pres. William E. Kirwan also will make his final address to the Senate at that meeting.

—PHILLIP WIRTZ

Roadblocks Delay Dairy Opening

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ered the upper floors of the Turner Building were in need of a sprinkler system. "It's not something we planned for," says Peretto, "but it will make for a better, safer building."

Throughout the month of May, finishing touches will be made to the building, and the installation of food service equipment in the dairy, and audio visual equipment in the new Visitor Center auditorium will take place.

Ice cream lovers are encouraged to remain patient until the Dairy Sales Room officially opens for business this summer. All involved with the renovation project believe it will be well worth the wait.

When the renovations are complete, customers will notice improvements to the food service and seating areas, an expanded ice cream facility and a brighter space. The Visitor



A sneak peek at the ongoing progress of the Dairy renovations. Work has progressed even further since this photo was snapped in April.

Center will boast a new vestibule with a veranda and ramp access, as well as the auditorium.

"We've run into some unfortunate glitches," says Peretto. "But everyone's being very nice about it."

—JENNIFER HAWES

Genetic Research Furthered by \$2.1 Million Grant

Individuals at an elevated risk for heart disease soon may be able to receive more precise and effective treatment depending on their genetic make-up. That's the idea behind the National Institute of Health's (NIH) recent \$2.1 million grant supporting genetic research led by kinesiology professor James Hagberg.

In collaboration with researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Hagberg's research is based on preliminary studies of the Apolipoprotein E gene. Depending on which version of the gene one has, Hagberg says high-risk individuals may respond better to treatment through medication, diet or exercise.

Based on exercise studies of 50 people with such heart disease risk factors as high cholesterol, diabetes and obesity, Hagberg says different people appear to respond differently to the same activity program. The studies measured such responses as increased levels of HDL (good) cholesterol and changes in blood pressure.

Because the preliminary studies measure the responses of a small sample of high-risk individuals, Hagberg says they are not completely confident in the exact numbers resulting from the study. With the latest grant, Hagberg says further research on a larger sample of people will seek to confirm the results of the preliminary studies.

While prediction of effective treatment for risk factors could be made possible through this gene, Hagberg says the recent grant is "to make sure it's the case."

Exercise and medication have the ability to alter lipid levels in the body, says Hagberg. By confirming the earlier studies and learning more about the newly discovered gene, Hagberg says the further research may allow HMOs to screen someone's DNA and determine if exercise or medication is the answer for an elevated risk of heart disease. "What we can do is target an optimal program for people," he says.

While an examination of the relationship between genetics and exercise is being done at only a few other places, Hagberg says, "it's really an exciting and important area for us to investigate."

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Information Science

Professor James Hendler and two of his computer science graduate students, Killian Stoffel and Merwyn Taylor, are the winning inventors of PARKA-DBTM, a system for increasing the speed at which large knowledge-based computer systems can answer complex queries. The technology has been tested on some of the world's largest knowledge-based systems, including the Unified Medical Language System of the National Library of Medicine. The results show that in such systems Parka-DBTM can answer complex queries in a few seconds on a single processor computer—an efficiency 80 times greater than current query engines. On parallel supercomputers, answers can be obtained in a fraction of a second or some 40 percent better than the fastest

current query engines. This invention has been exclusively licensed to a New York company for product development.

In the past 11 years, the Office of Technology Liaison has licensed more than 300 university inventions to industry resulting in more than 80 products on the market. The technologies so far have earned \$11.5 million for the university. Many of the technologies have been created from partnerships between the university, government and industry. Products that have resulted from such collaborations include a high-speed Internet access service produced with Maryland-based Hughes Network Systems, a poultry vaccine created with Delaware-based Intervet, Inc., and an energy-saving refrigerator designed with the EPA and South Korean-based Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND PRESIDENT WILLIAM E. KIRWAN



LEGACY *of* LEADERSHIP

Thirty-four years ago, far from his native Kentucky, William E. Kirwan planted new roots in the unlikely town of College Park, Maryland. Fresh out of Rutgers University, where he had earned both his master's degree (1962) and a Ph.D. (1964) in mathematics, he traveled to the University of Maryland to become assistant professor of mathematics.

Only 26 years old, could he have known then how nearly permanent those roots would become? That his University of Maryland career would be distinguished far beyond attaining tenure?

Kirwan's legacy to this university is one of outstanding leadership, perseverance and devotion. At the core was his unwavering belief that this campus could and would achieve national eminence, that it would join the ranks of the country's most elite universities.

And it was a belief that would not be diminished by the significant economic setbacks of the early '90s, the loss of the Banneker Scholarships, or numerous other obstacles, large and small, he faced during his nearly 10-year reign as president.

When people speak of "Brit" Kirwan they use terms like consensus builder, friend, one of us. He is an incredibly respected leader who is regarded as truly committed to the institution he heads, and perfectly at home with the students, faculty and staff who make it thrive.

During his 34 years on campus Kirwan has championed the rights of minority students, demanded equity for women and ensured a quality undergraduate education. And he can look back on a campus that has grown not only in terms of new buildings and facilities, but also programs and partnerships that keep the university on the path to eminence.

The news last January was devastating. An offer from Ohio State University for Brit Kirwan to work his magic at that campus was too good to refuse, he said. Tearfully, he shared with his university family the reasons behind his decision, the joy he was feeling about the opportunities awaiting him, tempered by the sadness he felt in leaving the campus he had loved and served for more than three decades.

Four months later, as the university community prepares to send its beloved leader off to Ohio State, faculty and staff shared their good wishes and fond memories of Kirwan with *Outlook*. Featured in this special Legacy of Leadership issue are those personal messages, along with some memorable moments captured on film.



Kirwan's Tenure of Excellence

1964



Twenty-six-year-old William E. Kirwan arrives at University of Maryland, having recently earned both his master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from Rutgers University, to become assistant professor of mathematics.

1968



Kirwan is appointed associate professor of mathematics.

1972



Kirwan achieves the rank of full professor.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Student Honor Council members were returning from a conference at Rice University in the fall of 1994 when they realized they were sharing the plane with their president. You were returning from a family event with several other Kirwans, including an infant grandson. Though clearly not acting in public service that day, you took the time to greet and chat with us. As a graduate assistant new to the university at the time, I was very impressed with the attention and warmth you showed the students. The Student Honor Council has treasured your vigorous endorsement of the Code of Academic Integrity.

—Amy Gintber
Assistant Director,
Judicial Programs for Academic Integrity

The following is a memory I have of Dr. Kirwan when he taught on the ITV System.

It was the fall of 1983. I remember marveling at Dr. Kirwan as he taught his 8 a.m. math course (MATH 463) in our Instructional Television studio classroom; after all, he was the vice chancellor for academic affairs with all of its attendant work; he had left the chair of the math department more than two years before. Yet he had volunteered not only to teach the course to on-campus students, but also to the additional off-campus students who were taking his course by television. Quite a guy, I thought, quite a guy. I was right; he was and is quite a guy!

—Dr. Arnold Seigel
Director, ITV

Brit—

There will be one Buckeye who will forever remain a Terrapin. All of us at the Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship thank you for all you have done for us and the university, and we wish you all the best. You're the greatest!

—Charlie Heller and everyone
at the Dingman Center

Best wishes to Brit Kirwan—a leader with a vision of a university not only of scholarly excellence, but of moral integrity; one who understood that "hard choices" must advance the notion of a more inclusive and compassionate society; one who knew that a great university must also be a pleasant place to spend one's workdays.

—Claire Moses, Chair,
Department of Women's Studies

We will long remember President Kirwan's now famous R&D presentation at the Counseling Center. The center is losing a friend and supporter in Brit Kirwan. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

—Counseling Center Colleagues and Friends



As president of the university, Kirwan had the opportunity to meet with a number of national and international political leaders, including President Clinton.



Here, he poses with former president Ronald Reagan, Nancy Reagan and Jehan Sadat.



President and Mrs. Kirwan meet with first lady Hillary Clinton during her visit last fall to the Center for Young Children.

Taking Maryland to an international level, the university president meets with Kyrgyzscani president Askar Akayer.



1977



Thirteen years after coming to the university, Kirwan is named chair of the mathematics department. Under his leadership, the department rises to Top 10 stature.

1981



Kirwan is appointed vice chancellor for academic affairs (known today as provost), the university's chief academic post. During the seven years he serves as vice chancellor, the university raises admissions standards, increases the number of merit scholarships and graduate fellowships, and establishes an academic planning process.

1982



Chancellor Robert Gluckstern resigns and Kirwan is asked to serve as interim chancellor (now president) until John Slaughter arrives in November.



It's a double in'terp'retation of school spirit when both Kirwan and university alum, Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller play the role of Testudo at the 1996 legislative follies in Annapolis.



During his nine-plus years as president, Brit Kirwan has been on hand for numerous ground-breakings and grand openings on campus. In 1994, he hoisted a shovel to help break ground for the Nyumburu Cultural Center (above). Two years later, he celebrated its official opening (right).



SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Remember, Ohio State may have you on the payroll, but we have your heart in College Park. You are simply the best. Go Terps!

—**Deborah Yow**
Director of Athletics

I believe it was in 1971 Brit was asked by our chairman to be in charge of the department of mathematics for a summer. Unwittingly, Brit was thrown headlong into the middle of an issue that had sprung up because of the Vietnam War and had put two of the department's faculty (and six others on campus) directly in conflict with an edict of then-President Elkins. By the end of the summer, through tireless efforts and endless negotiations, Brit helped to forge a solution that resolved the issue relatively amicably.

As classes began the coming September, Brit walked across the hall from his professorial office and said to me in an absolutely candid fashion, "I will NEVER be an administrator!"

How happy we are that in time his memories of 1971's summer mellowed, and Brit allowed himself to spend over 20 years as a superlative administrator for our campus: first as department chair, then as provost, and finally as president. All of us in the department of mathematics wish him continued vigor and vision as he assumes his new post at Ohio State University.

—**Denny Gulick**
Professor of Mathematics

When I came up in 1986 to interview for the position of Africanist art historian, my final interview was with President William Kirwan, then provost of College Park. Our "conversation" was very friendly; I was so much at ease.

However, what I remember most was his succinct comparison of the education system in the United Kingdom to which he had been exposed and where I was trained with that of the United States. He said something like this: "In England, they train students for leadership, but here, we train them for citizenship."

You may not be able to imagine how these words made it easy for me to guide and be at ease with my students and also to appreciate the system. We will miss a great international educator!

—**Ekpo Eyo**
Professor of African Art History and Archaeology

Thanks for your support of and participation in the many student employment programs and services provided by the Career Center over the last several years. Please know that your shoes will be difficult to fill. Much success to you and Mrs. Kirwan at The Ohio State University. (Our loss, their gain!)

—**Frances Hacker**
Program Director, Student Employment

1988



Chancellor John Slaughter leaves to become president of Occidental College, and Kirwan once again is named acting chancellor of the University of Maryland.

1989



After 25 years of service as a professor and administrator, and following a national search, William E. "Brit" Kirwan is appointed president of the university.

1990



Kirwan delivers his inaugural address and notes his focus on enhancing three distinct areas: the quality of undergraduate education, a commitment to diversity and service to the state. His goal: to move the University of Maryland to the top tier of public research universities.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Dear Brit,

I always felt by your comments whenever you saw me that you liked my '64 Chevy Impala, which I drove daily to campus. Well, this past January I had to retire it from street service because of a rusty frame.

I have this theory that, much as I tried to hide the news from it, somehow it got wind of your departure and dropped its bumper from the shock and sense of loss.

And they say machines have no feelings! Imagine then how the owner must have felt.

Brit, I value all the years that I've known you and will miss the enthusiasm and leadership that you radiate. (P.S. I still have the Chevy hoping someday to be able to put it back into circulation)...

—Eloy (Arey),
Director of Academic Data Systems

In the spring of 1997, President Kirwan agreed to address a class made up of managers of family military housing, who were trying to get a grip on the implications of privatization for their units and their own futures. It was a remarkable exchange.

Brit told them about the university's success with privatization of the graduate student apartments in a way that allowed them to imagine success for themselves. We quickly converted his story to a case study, which has been used frequently in privatization classes since then.

When George McKimmie, head of Army housing for Europe, asked Brit whether the university could put a one-year master's degree in place, which would help prepare the Armed Services managers for this momentous transition, he said, "Of course. We're here to serve you."

That really put us on the spot. It also galvanized us to action. We adapted our current masters with a specialization in finance, added a couple of extra courses and voila: the opportunity.

The School of Public Affairs continues to develop curriculum for the military around privatization. We'll be doing the pilot of a four course sequence in June and September on campus and we hope to welcome a real master's class from the Department of Defense representing all four Service Branches by 1999.

Good leaders follow opportunity and create believers, who then make new realities. That's one of Brit's greatest strengths; something we will all sorely miss.

—Jacqueline Rogers,
School of Public Affairs

Best of luck at Ohio State. You were a great advocate for mathematics education at Maryland and we will miss you.

—Martin Johnson
Professor of (mathematics) Education and Chair,
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Donning industrial white coats and caps, Kirwan poses with new friends on a visit to a high tech plant in China.



In 1994 he accepted the donation of the Prange Collection that is housed in McKeldin Library.



Always one to make time for students, here the president poses with resident assistants from Hagerstown Hall.



1991



The university establishes its Diversity Initiative tasked with building a more inclusive community grounded in respect of differences based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, class, marital status, political affiliation and national origin.

1992



University unveils its enhanced University Honors Program and an astounding number of students are eager to be a part of it. The success of this program leads to several other unique programs in undergraduate education such as College Park Scholars (1994) and Gemstone (1996).

Among the perks that come with being a university president is the chance to meet a celebrity or two. That was the case in May 1992, when Bill Cosby was on campus to add a comedic touch to commencement.



According to University Libraries' Frank Boches, the president "put a lot of feeling" into his reading of Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* during a reading marathon for National Library week in 1994.

When the university's right to maintain its Banneker Scholarships program was threatened, Kirwan joined students in a 1995 vigil held in front of Main Admin., to show support for the program he so fiercely believed in.



1993



Three years after a Hispanic student challenges the racial basis of the Banneker Scholarships the District Court rules that the scholarship program should be allowed to continue at the University of Maryland. In 1995, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals declares the scholarships unconstitutional.

1996



The university finalizes its Strategic Plan. This comprehensive effort establishes initiatives such as continued support for undergraduate education programs, strengthening the graduate program and quality of graduate students, and service to the state and society. The plan serves as a guide for the future.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

In the two decades I've known Brit, three qualities stand out:

- An unusual interest in listening to others. He's genuinely interested in advice and ideas from every quarter, and he creates opportunities to hear more. Monthly Presidential advisory meetings with the College Park Senate Executive Committee were initiated while I was Senate chair.

Whether the subject was a long-term university issue or the current fiscal crisis, he drew others out and then openly shared his own reactions and ideas in very productive discussions.

- A very strong habit of encouraging people to try out new ideas. When I worked briefly in Academic Affairs while he was provost, I frequently saw people come out of a meeting with him being encouraged to get back to him as soon as they had some results or to ask for his help when the time was right. They left in a positive mood.

- A spirit of optimism and enthusiasm for the university. This spirit was "catching" and helped the university accomplish more than anyone should have expected from the resources at hand!

We'll miss you, Brit!

—Jerry Miller, Chemistry Professor

In the mid-to-late 1970s I was chairman of the department of computer science. The then-provost of what is now the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Joe Marchello, appointed Brit chairman of the mathematics department.

Speaking to Joe about his selection of Brit, he said he thought Brit was destined to be president of a major university one day. Not knowing Brit well, I was amused by this prediction. When I came to interact and to know Brit well, it became clear to me that Joe Marchello had him sized up correctly.

It was a pleasure working with Brit. He was supportive of the budding department of computer science and our needs, and always made decisions in the best interest of all activities in the college and university. I valued his judgment and trusted him as a person who had the highest integrity. In addition to these attributes, he had an infectious smile and always gave his full attention to whomever he spoke with.

My one regret is that I never had an opportunity to beat Brit in tennis.

Reflecting back to the 1970s, I realize that Joe Marchello's forecast was wrong. Brit was to become president of not one, but two major universities!

Brit and his wife, Patty, have graced this university with their dignity and leadership for over 30 years. We have been honored by their presence on campus and wish them all the best in their new venture.

—Jack Minker
Computer Science Professor

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Thanks, in part, to Brit Kirwan, members of the University of Maryland community know that LGB means lesbian, gay, bisexual. In his 1996 State of the Campus Address following the Board of Regents' denial of recommendations presented by their own Ad Hoc Committee on Domestic Partner Benefits, Brit reminded the Senate of the importance of this issue, and he identified the realization of these benefits as a campus goal.

Later that year he agreed to form the first President's Commission for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues, a group I have chaired since it began last year. As chair of the Commission, I have been impressed by his desire and ability to reach out and find common ground.

As a musicologist, I have enjoyed watching his obvious delight when talking about music. As a member of the College Park family, I have been struck by his interest in our individual concerns.

Brit, thank you for speaking our name and for giving LGB issues an official presence at College Park. Best of luck in your new assignment.

—**Luke Jensen, Chair
President's Commission
for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues**

I have two examples which show the caring and respect President Kirwan has for the rest of us on the campus:

When I was a fairly new assistant director in Records and Registrations, he asked for an analysis on classrooms. I took the report to him at the appointed time. Since, unexpectedly he was tied up with another meeting, he came to me, apologized and arranged to come to my office to meet. I was so impressed that he would leave his office in Main Admin. and come to my office in Mitchell.

Several years ago he entertained the faculty and staff of College Park Scholars at an afternoon tea. He was so gracious; he helped us off with our coats and brought extra chairs. When the cups ran out, he went to find cups himself.

Of all the wonderful things he has done for this campus, I will always remember these two simple human acts. They show what a great man he is!

—**Beth Pattison
Acting Associate Director
College Park Scholars Program**

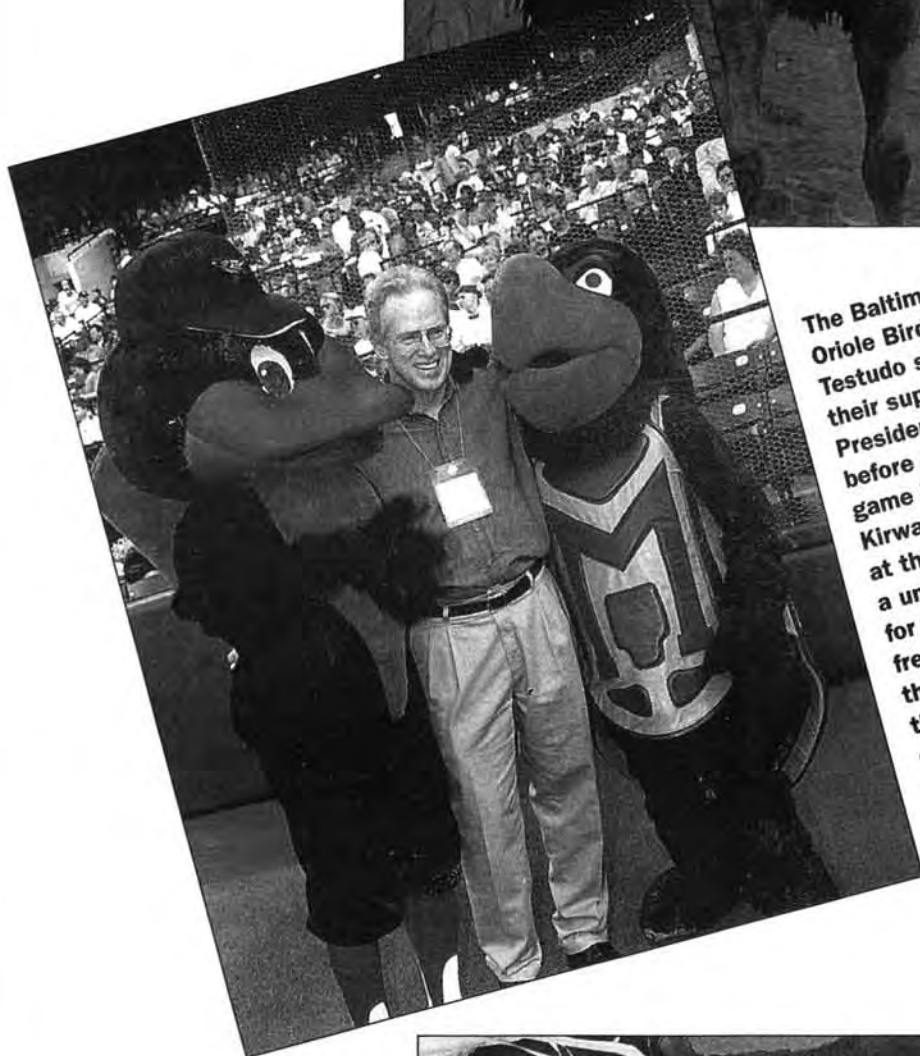
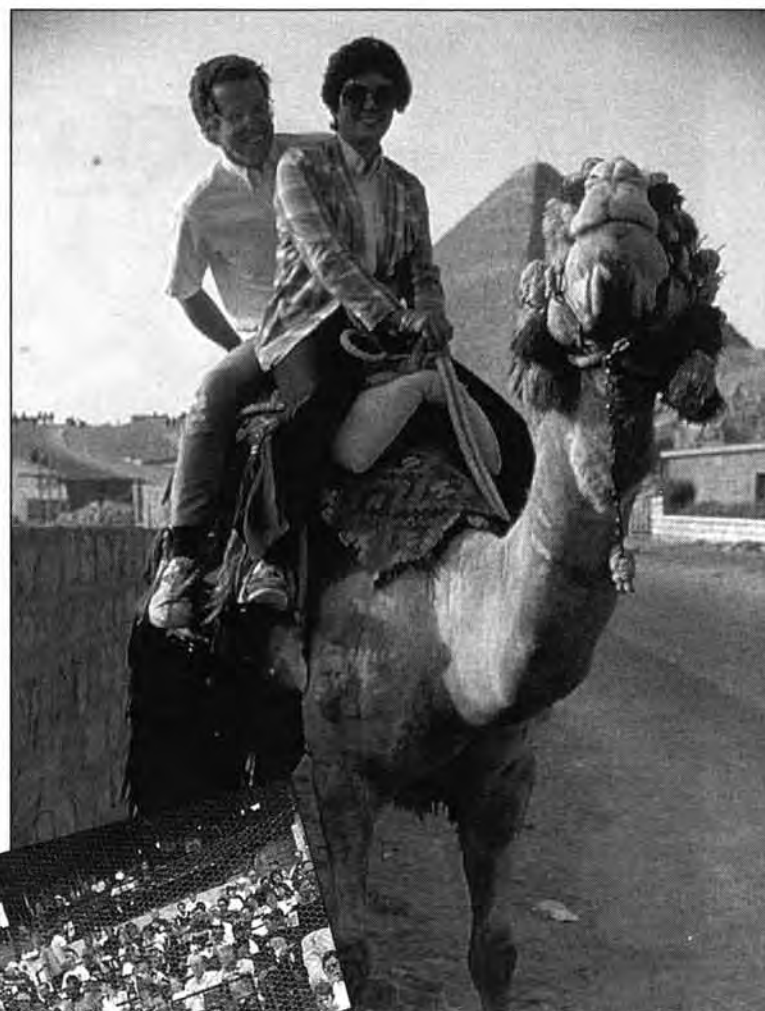
Dr. Kirwan,

You will go down in history as a champion of social justice and a servant of the people. I pray that Ohio State will take you to new heights on the ladder of success.

May God Bless You,

—**Patricia Thomas
Undergraduate Admissions**

Who says transportation is limited to planes, trains and automobiles? In 1983, while on the College of Agriculture's visit to project sites in Egypt, Kirwan and his wife, Patty, take a camel ride in Giza. The Great Pyramid sits off in the distance.



The Baltimore Oriole Bird and Testudo show their support for President Kirwan before an Orioles game in 1996. Kirwan, who was at the ballpark for a university event for incoming freshmen and their parents, had the distinct honor of throwing out the first pitch that evening.

So, that's the man inside the Testudo costume. The mystery's solved at the 1996 legislative fol-lies.



1997



According to the book, *The Rise of American Research Universities: Elite and Challengers in the Postwar Era*, the University of Maryland ranks 18th nationally in faculty research productivity. The authors also rank Maryland eighth out of 21 institutions it identifies as "rising research universities in the public sector."



The university breaks ground for the new Technology Advancement Program (TAP) Building, further advancing the university's many outreach efforts in and around the state. TAP is one of the most successful incubators for high technology start-up companies in Maryland.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

When I first came to the University of Maryland, I remember meeting President Kirwan at a function hosted by my office. As a new person, he was told my name and he made me feel very welcome. He spoke with me like I was a special person and made a lasting impression on me as a very personable and approachable individual.

At another function, I saw President Kirwan and he said to me, "Hello Jennifer." I was impressed by the fact that he called me by name, so I exclaimed, "Oh, you remember my name!" He replied, "Yes, but the name tag helps."

I still credit him with good memory for the names of people he meets!

—Jennifer Jackson,
Assistant Director, OMSE

The first time I served as the announcer for Commencement was last December. Brit got a kick out of my suggestion (at the rehearsal) that I introduce the graduates the same way that I introduce the basketball team, i.e., "And, now, here are YOUR Maryland graduates!" He agreed and I did it! We'll probably do it again on May 22.

—Nick Kovalakides,
Campus Visitors Advocate

Thank you for helping to make this the kind of inclusive public institution where I, an African-American woman and returning adult student, feel intellectually nurtured and proud to be a citizen of this state.

All the best to you and your family.

—T. Crawford
Graduate Assistant, English

Dr. Kirwan is a wonderful friend of the Brazilian people, culture and universities. He has visited Brazil on several occasions, established lasting university exchanges and has received countless Brazilian scholars and representatives of people-to-people organizations, in his office and in his home.

He has even learned some Portuguese words! To his list I would like to add the following: *obrigada* (thank you) and *saudades* (that can be interpreted as: we'll miss you).

—Regina Igel
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Dear Dr. Kirwan,

I can still remember vividly that you came to my retirement party in 1990. Your speech was most inspiring. I was really honored.

Now that you are leaving, I will miss you. I would like to apply the same good wishes that you bestowed on me to yourself.

Jimmy Lin, Professor Emeritus
Electrical Engineering Department

In 1993, I recall waiting for Dr. Kirwan's arrival at a meeting being conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service in the Best Western Maryland Inn in College Park. He was scheduled to make a luncheon address.

At the appointed time, Dr. Kirwan drove up very unpretentiously in a well-used car from the Motor Pool. As he got out of the car, I joked that if he were president of a lot of other large universities, he probably would have arrived in a chauffeur-driven car.

Brit laughed good-naturedly and remarked, "You're probably right."

—T. Milton Nelson
Cooperative Extension Specialist—Ag. Editor

In 1984, I was organizing a conference on "Cultural Repression and its Reconstruction in Argentina." I had spoken to Dr. Kirwan about my plans during our trip to Brazil and Argentina—his first to the region.

While in Buenos Aires he was deeply impressed by the quality of our colleagues, and equally dismayed at the impact of the dictatorship that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983 on education. Maryland—he stated with the passion that defined his convictions—had to participate in re-building the academic sector. And a number of Argentine graduate students did come to pursue a Ph.D. here and to return to their home institutions to engage in that process.

As for my conference: a chance meeting on the Mall led to a question about how it was going. I told Brit that rather than a conference it would probably be a workshop since I still needed "x" amount. He quietly said, "You have it; it's a conference."

And that was the beginning of a decade-long series of international conferences on Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil and Paraguay. Dr. Kirwan's support was crucial, moreover, to an increased university-wide awareness of Latin America and to a number of initiatives that have placed College Park on the map of Latin America.

Even today, whenever I travel in the region, I'm asked about President Kirwan. He struck everyone we met in Brazil and Argentina for his warmth, sincerity and commitment. A source of pride for our community that will continue to live among us as the Ohio surf will surely remind him of the surf in Rio de Janeiro...

THANK YOU!

—Saul Sosnowski
Director, Latin American Studies Center
Chair, Department of Spanish and Portuguese



Brit and Patty Kirwan are dressed to the nines for the October 1997 kick-off gala for the university's \$350 million Bold Vision•Bright Future Campaign.

At a January 1998 press conference, University of Maryland President William E. Kirwan discusses his decision to accept the presidency at Ohio State University.



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The University of Maryland officially kicks off its \$350 million Bold Vision•Bright Future Campaign for Maryland with a gala. Kirwan has the pleasure of announcing that the university has exceeded its goal for the initial phase of the campaign, raising more than \$115 million.



Kirwan announces to a shocked and saddened campus that he has accepted the position of president of Ohio State University, a post he begins July 1. Though a difficult decision, he says he believes the time is right for him to move forward in his career and for the University of Maryland to continue its momentum under a new leader.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

What I appreciate about Brit Kirwan is his positive, constructive outlook and his omnipresent influence. He seemed to be everywhere, all the time; the opening of the College Park Metro on a cold winter day, the board of directors at the Council for International Exchanges scholarship programs, and even College Park zoning meetings.

If I didn't see him I would still hear about his impact, in bringing the Fulbright International Center to the University of Maryland, or in helping to bring the National Archives or the federal research components of major U.S. federal agencies to College Park.

His energy and planning in creating a top notch, internationally known university in College Park is unparalleled in the history of the University of Maryland. He is a credit to the school, and its faculty, from which he came. I certainly hope that the next president can sustain the growth and prestige that Dr. Kirwan has brought to the University and the City of College Park.

—**Salim Shaikh,**
Mechanical Engineer and President,
Technology Promotion International, Ltd.

You never got "5 minutes" or "pro forma" from Brit. Invite him to a reception for high school Shakespeare teachers and he would stay an hour, get to know the teachers and leave behind a terrific impression. Brit never "worked" a room: he actually listened his way around. What a difference that made to us all.

—**Sandy Mack, Professor of English,**
Director of University Honors

Dear Dr. "Brit":

On behalf of the 68 Humphrey Fellows in journalism who came from 50 countries to College Park, I would like to thank you for showing a personal interest in the new group of Fellows each fall. I can assure you they all were impressed that a busy university president would take the time to greet them.

Thanks and good luck at Ohio State!

—**William Eaton**
College of Journalism

Ann, Patty and Bill were on hand to share their delight in the news of Kirwan's presidential appointment in February 1989.

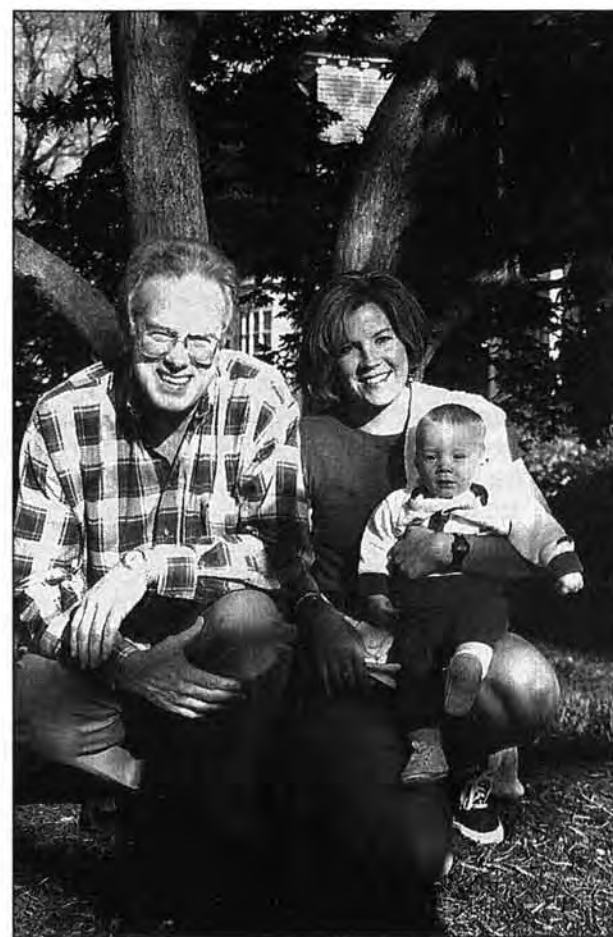
maryland Memories



Whether as a dad or a grandad, the president always makes time for his family. Above, he reads a book to five-year-old grandson Andrew. In his grandfather's arms a few years earlier, below, Andrew has it "made in the shades."



This past Easter, Brit posed with daughter Ann and his newest grandson, 8-month-old Kyle. Kyle and Andrew are the sons of Bill Kirwan and his wife, Chris.



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5 May

Training & Development

9 a.m.-noon. "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)." This class will provide an update on ADA and its implications for serving individuals with disabilities on the campus. You will learn accommodation requirements from both the academic and employment perspective. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

Lecture

9:30 a.m. Department of Computer Science: "Numerical Methods for Dynamical Ginzburg-Landau Vortices in Superconductivity," Zhiming Chen, Institute of Mathematics, Academia Sinica, Beijing. 3206 Mathematics Bldg. 5-5129.

4 p.m. Physics Department: "The Physics of Baseball Bats," Richard Brandt, professor of physics, New York University. 1410 Physics Bldg. 5-5945.

University Theatre

8 p.m. "The Balcony," by Jean Genet, translated by Bernard Frechtman. Controversial, shocking and bizarre portrait of power and intimacy. Pugliese Theatre, Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 5-2201.*

7 May

Training & Development

9 a.m.-noon. "Conflict Resolution." The principle of the book "Getting to Yes" will be the basis of this class. There will be discussion on the differences between a hard and soft negotiator, and participants will learn skills for a successful and principled outcome. Emphasis will be on negotiating conflict at work and maintaining a professional working relationship. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

Lecture

5:15 p.m. Department of Material and Nuclear Engineering: "The Impact of Field Reliability on Army Logistic Support Requirements," David Mortin, U.S. Army Materials Systems Analysis Activity.

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8 May

Dance Workshop

5 p.m. "New Dances." Informal showing of works/works-in-progress choreographed and danced by students in the Department of Dance. 5-3189.

Concert

8 p.m. "The Artist Scholarship Benefit Series Concert," with the Guarneri String Quartet performing Mozart, Brahms and Debussy. Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 5-1150.*

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6 May

Lecture

Noon-12:50 p.m. University Theatre: "Sounding the Humanities," a discussion of "The Balcony" with off-campus guest speaker. 0154 Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 5-2201.

Noon-1 p.m. The Counseling Center: "Dissociation and boundary collapse: The Emotional Plight of Jews During the Holocaust," Jim Glass, professor, government and politics. 0106-0114, Testing Room Counseling Center, Shoemaker Building.

4-5 p.m. Department of Astronomy: "ISO's View on the Interstellar Medium and Star Formation," Ewine van Dishoeck, Leiden University.

Concert

7 p.m. The Maryland Gospel Choir presents its spring concert. Directed by DeWayne Gregory. Memorial Chapel. 5-1150.

8 p.m. The University Collegium Musicum performs Italian music for voices and instruments from the late Renaissance and early Baroque. Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 5-1150.

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11 May

Concert

5-7 p.m. "The Annual Finale Courtyard Concert," with the university Jazz Ensembles. Music from Ellington, Davis and Coltrane. North Loggia, Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 5-5519.

12 May

Training & Development

2-4 p.m. "Requisition for Purchase Template—WordPerfect 6.x." Are you tired of making corrections on multi-part requisition forms? The Department of Procurement and Supply has developed a MS WordPerfect template that will make completing the purchase requisition easier. Participants will receive a diskette and training on completing and printing a purchase requisition using this template. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

Computer Training

2-3 p.m. Web Clinic. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938.

Lecture

4 p.m. Physics Department: "Teaching Feynman's Sum Over Paths Quantum Theory," Edwin E. Taylor, Fellow, Center for Innovation in Learning, Carnegie-Mellon University. 1410 Physics Bldg. 5-5945.

13 May

Training & Development

9 a.m.-noon. "Printing Presumptions." This seminar conducted at Printing Services in the Patapsco Building gives a comprehensive overview of the process a job follows from designer through mailing. A tour of the printing plant is included. This is an opportunity to learn from the experts what terms like "blueline, film stripping, plate making and Cheshire labels" mean. Patapsco Bldg. 5-5651.

4-5 p.m. Department of Astronomy: "SETI: Science Fact, Not Fiction," Jill Tarter, SETI Institute. 2400 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg.

14 May

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Lecture

3:30 p.m. Department of Meteorology: "COARE Convection in Relation to Large-Scale Rossby-Kelvin Wave Structure," Robert Houze, Department of Atmospheric Science, University of Washington. 2324 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg.

Health Seminar

4-5 p.m. Center for Health and Wellbeing: "Balancing Eating: Beyond the Food Pyramid." Learn how to obtain balance in the foods you eat to obtain necessary nutrients in your diet. 0121 Campus Recreation Center. Registration required. 4-8128.

Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405-. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*).

All calendar information for Outlook is downloaded directly from inforM's master calendar, located on the Internet at www.inform.umd.edu.

Submissions to inforM can be made by e-mail to: calendar@umail.umd.edu. To reach the inforM calendar editors by phone, call 405-0825.

Art Attack Hits Campus



Despite rainy weather, Art Attack made its way to campus last Friday. The annual Spring event featured a concert in the evening and vendors, like those pictured here, selling various goods during the day. This year's Art Attack theme was "A Time for Healing."



Maryland to Host Special Olympics this Summer

The university will host Special Olympics Maryland this summer for the first time since 1970. Athletes from all counties in the state will participate June 5-7. The organizing committee is searching for faculty and students interested in volunteering.

"We're trying to get the word out," says Megan Sussman, coordinator for Community Service Programs and a volunteer for the games. "They really need a hand."

Special Olympics Maryland is looking for as many as 1500 volunteers. Volunteers may escort athletes, distribute lunches and help with other jobs.

People helping at the three-day event will need to participate in an on-campus orientation, including a two-hour overview of the Games and a description of what each person will do.

Games Management Team will offer orientations on different mornings and evenings throughout May. If one cannot make the scheduled sessions, exceptions can be made.

Events in this year's Special Olympics include aquatics, track and field, duckpin and tenpin bowling, equestrian, and softball.

The Games will begin Friday evening, June 5, with a parade and an opening ceremony. There also will be a fireworks display in addition to a concert on McKeldin Mall the same evening. Closing ceremonies will be on Sunday afternoon, June 7.

During the weekend, athletes and their trainers will stay in residential dormitories. Special Olympics expects 400 coaches and thousands of spectators.

Special Olympics focuses on the training of the individual athlete. Both children and adults with mental retardation benefit from physical fitness and competition. Special Olympics holds multiple events for athletes worldwide.

In past years, Towson University has held the statewide event. The size of the facilities at the University of Maryland, including the new Campus Recreation Center, was one of the biggest draws in moving it to the university.

"We were really maxed out at our former location," says Janet Novak, director of volunteer management for Special Olympics Maryland. "Our move allows us [to include more athletes]."

For more information on volunteering, call Community Service Programs at 314-2273 or Special Olympics Maryland at (800) 541-7544, ext. 6.



—PHILLIP WIRTZ

New Millennium Statistics

Pascal Forgione Jr., U.S. Commissioner of Education at the National Center for Education Statistics, presents a talk titled, "Policies and Statistics in the New Millennium" on Wednesday, May 6, at 2:30 p.m. in the Prince George's Room of the Adele Stamp Union. He'll address improving statistical methodology and the use of statistics in making education policy.

Forgione's talk is sponsored by the department of measurement, statistics and evaluation in the College of Education. For more information contact Robert Lissitz at rl27@umail.umd.edu.

Affirmative Action and Admission

The College Park Scholars Public Leadership Program presents a discussion of "Affirmative Action and University Admission Policies," Thursday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m., in room 2111 of the Stamp Student Union. Participants include Ron Walters, professor, government and politics, African-American Studies Program and senior scholar, Burns Academy of Leadership; and Armstrong Williams, nationally syndicated columnist, radio talk show host, author and media personality.

For more information, please contact Philip Dacey at pdacey@wam.umd.edu.

WIT Proposals

Proposals from the College Park campus to participate in the 1998-99 USM Web Initiative in Teaching (WIT) Program are due Friday, May 8. Proposals should be sent to James Newton, Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Studies, 2130 Mitchell Building, Zip-5251.

For more program details and guidelines on

proposal format see: www.umuc.edu/ide/wit/

For additional information please contact Ellen Yu Borkowski, Academic Information Technology Services at 405-2922 or ey9@umail.umd.edu.

Learning Dinner

As a culminating event in its faculty development series on student learning, the University Honors Center for Learning is hosting a learning communities dinner for faculty and students from all over campus to discuss new ideas for ways of creating meaningful "learning communities" in Honors. The Monday, May 11 event is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Anne Arundel Lounge, and students and faculty are invited to attend.

Students and faculty from Honors 169z, the Center for Learning, and other programs and seminars in University Honors will gather to discuss the models of "learning in community" that are already evolving in Honors, and to gather feedback, ideas and insights for the future.

Topics to explore will include: student-faculty interaction, fostering faculty-level interdisciplinary conversations for Honors and campuswide faculty, and creating opportunities for undergraduate research reports from upperclass students.

Preceding the dinner is the final panel discussion in the interdisciplinary course, Honors 169z, Knowledge and its Human Implications, (3-4 pm in 1250 Zoology-Psychology) and a reception and discussion of the course for students and faculty from 4-5:30 pm in Anne Arundel.

Any and all interested faculty and students are also welcome to attend these events. If you plan to come, Kathleen Staudt would like to hear from you. Please e-mail her at ks145@umail, or phone 405-1102.

Gemstone Posters

The students and staff of Gemstone 101—Technological Innovation: An Historical Perspective—cordially invite the entire University of Maryland community to attend their end-of-term poster session on Thursday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Prince George's Room of Stamp Student Union. They will be displaying the results of their semester-long investigation of a variety of technological artifacts. Food and drinks will be served.

For further information, feel free to contact Jeff Hornstein at: jhorn@wam.umd.edu. For further details on Gems 101 or the term project, log onto the Gems 101 website:

www.inform.umd.edu/ARHU/Depts/History/Histgrad/gems101/

Reader Reminder

Outlook will publish two more issues in May, on May 12 and May 19, before taking a short end-of-semester break. Readers interested in posting calendar information, For Your Interest items or other news, should be aware that the remaining deadline for copy is Friday, May 8 (for publication in the May 19 issue).

Two issues will be published during the summer, one June 16 and one July 21. Please call 405-4629, or e-mail outlook@accmail.umd.edu for further information about these issues and the corresponding deadlines.